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Ms. Judith Whitney, Clerk
Vermont Public Utility Commission
112 State Street, Floor 4
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Re: Case Nos. 18-0974-TF; 18-1633-PET; 18-2850-TF; 18-3160-PET
Department of Public Service's Response to Anonymous Letter

Dear Ms. Whitney:

On November 19, 2018, the Public Utility Commission (the "Commission") issued an order providing an opportunity to respond to an anonymous public comment regarding several pending matters involving Green Mountain Power Corporation ("GMP") rate regulation. The Department of Public Service ("Department") affirms and stands behind its sworn testimony, recommendations, and briefs, all of which are the product of an exhaustive, detailed, and comprehensive investigation into GMP's rate request and related proceedings.

The Department has reviewed the anonymous letter, which materially mischaracterizes the Department's investigation of GMP's rate filing and reflects a poor understanding of not just the factual and analytical underpinnings of the pending GMP rate case, but also of rate case litigation process generally. No good cause exists for the Commission to conclude that its proceedings lack integrity or have otherwise failed to facilitate a fair and transparent review of the contested evidence. The Department and all other parties in the GMP rate case have acted in good faith. Their respective witnesses provided sworn testimony subject to the penalties of perjury and, in turn, legal counsel performed their responsibilities subject to sanction for any professional misconduct. The Department therefore recommends that the Commission proceed with full confidence in deliberating on the existing evidentiary record and issuing an order in due course.

Sincerely,



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